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Blue Heron Academy of Healing Arts and Sciences

The Blue Heron Academy is Michigan's largest school of massage therapy and alternative medicine. The Academy was established in Michigan in 1980, is approved by the Michigan Office of Postsecondary Education, and licensed by the State of Michigan. The Academy operates nine training centers in Michigan and one in South Bend, Indiana. The Academy training centers are located in Lansing, Troy, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Traverse City, and Grand Rapids. The Academy has 17 state licensed training programs.

The Blue Heron Academy is opposed to the Amos/AMTA massage bill HB 5218 for the following reasons:

1. The bill seeks to block student access to accredited distance education lecture courses.
2. The bill does not provide for distance education or accommodations for the disabled who are protected under the federal American's with Disabilities Act.
3. The bill will increase training costs to students and deny student access to federally supported and recommended distance education programs.
4. The bill would make it harder for working adults, parents with children and child care needs, rural students, and students with long distance commuting requirements to access training.
5. The bill does not address the public protection issues related to massage schools that provide training in pseudoscience, new age fringe, the occult, or psychic practices. The bill proposes to block access to distance education, but not "distance healing."
6. The bill does not recognize the training, education and certification of the over 6000 graduates of the Academy.